



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: On March 16, 1889 eight women met at 501 Grand Avenue in St. Paul to form the Minnesota Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae; and
- WHEREAS: The first meeting of the Minnesota Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae was held at the Freeman School, 119 Mackubin Street, St. Paul, Minnesota on April 27, 1889; and
- WHEREAS: The purpose of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae was to "unite alumnae of different institutions of learning for practical education work" to open the doors of higher education to women; and
- WHEREAS: In 1888, the Association awarded its first fellowship grant of \$350 for a woman to pursue graduate studies; and
- WHEREAS: That grant has grown into thousands of dollars each year; and
- WHEREAS: One of the most cherished of the St. Paul Branch activities is its local scholarship program to enable young women scholars to earn a baccalaureate degree; and
- WHEREAS: It is due to the foresight and devotion of the early members of the St. Paul Branch that many women today owe their chance to serve the community and enrich its cultural life; and
- WHEREAS: The purpose of the American Association of University Women is to "develop a program to enable college women to continue their own intellectual growth, to further the advancement of women, and to discharge the special responsibilities to society of those who have enjoyed the advantage of higher education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the period from September, 1988 through September, 1989 to be

"THE ST. PAUL BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION YEAR"

in Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
FILED

SEP 27 1988

*Jean Anderson Howe*  
Secretary of State

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*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE